

WE CLAIM:

1. A container for containing a long article wound on a bobbin into a roll and having both widthwise ends, the bobbin
5 having a through hole, the container comprising:

a container body having at least one end formed with an opening;

a cover closing the opening of the container body;

a sealing member sealing a gap between the container body
10 and the cover;

a stem fixed to either the container body or the cover so that the bobbin is mounted thereon;

a bobbin fixing unit for fixing the bobbin; and

a holding unit for holding the article wound on the bobbin
15 so as to prevent the article from being detached from the bobbin by pressing both widthwise ends of the article wound on the bobbin.

2. A container according to claim 1, wherein the bobbin
20 fixing unit includes a male thread formed on the stem and a fastening member having a female thread hole threadedly engaged with the male thread so that the bobbin is fastened thereby to be fixed.

25 3. A container according to claim 2, wherein the holding unit comprises a presser plate having a through hole through which the stem extends when the presser plate is mounted on the stem, and the presser plate is fastened thereby to be fixed by

threadedly engaging the fastening member with the male thread.

4. A container according to claim 3, wherein the container
body, the cover, the stem and the presser plate are each made
5 of stainless steel and the fastening member is made from a resin.

5. A container according to claim 1, further comprising a
valve supplying dry gas into the container body while the opening
of the container body is closed by the cover.
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6. A container according to claim 2, further comprising a
valve supplying dry gas into the container body while the opening
of the container body is closed by the cover.

15 7. A container according to claim 3, further comprising a
valve supplying dry gas into the container body while the opening
of the container body is closed by the cover.

8. A container according to claim 4, further comprising a
20 valve supplying dry gas into the container body while the opening
of the container body is closed by the cover.

9. A container according to claim 1, wherein the dry gas
is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body
25 is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the
container body.

10. A container according to claim 2, wherein the dry gas

is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

5 11. A container according to claim 3, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

10 12. A container according to claim 4, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

15 13. A container according to claim 5, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

20 14. A container according to claim 6, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

25 15. A container according to claim 7, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.

16. A container according to claim 8, wherein the dry gas is an inert gas and an internal pressure of the container body is increased to be higher than an external pressure of the container body.